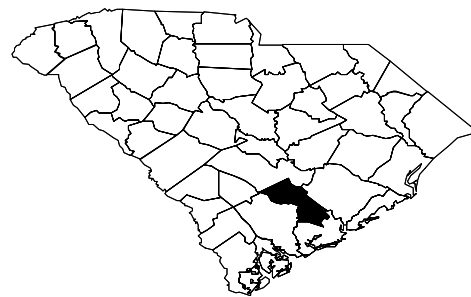




Diabetes In DORCHESTER County, 2005



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Impact of Diabetes in the United States

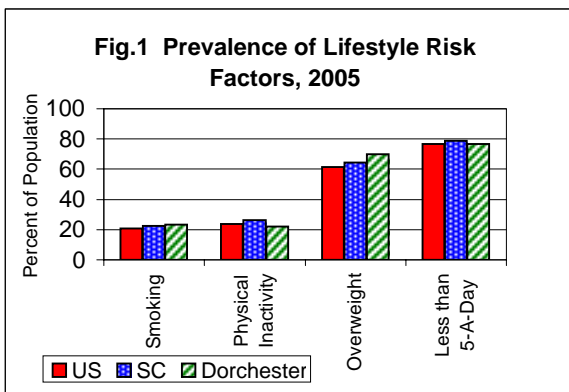
- Diabetes affects more than 23 million Americans and contributes to almost 234,000 deaths a year.
- Diabetes is becoming more common in the United States. From 1980 through 2007, the number of Americans with diabetes increased from 5.6 million to 17.9 million
- The direct and indirect costs of diabetes in the U.S. were nearly \$174 billion in 2007.
- 72,507 people died of diabetes in the U.S. in 2006.

Diabetes in South Carolina

- Approximately 332,000 adults in South Carolinians are diagnosed with diabetes. African Americans have twice the prevalence than Whites.
- The total direct costs of hospitalizations and emergency room visits were over \$8.5 billion in 2005.
- Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in South Carolina, claiming 1,183 lives in 2005.

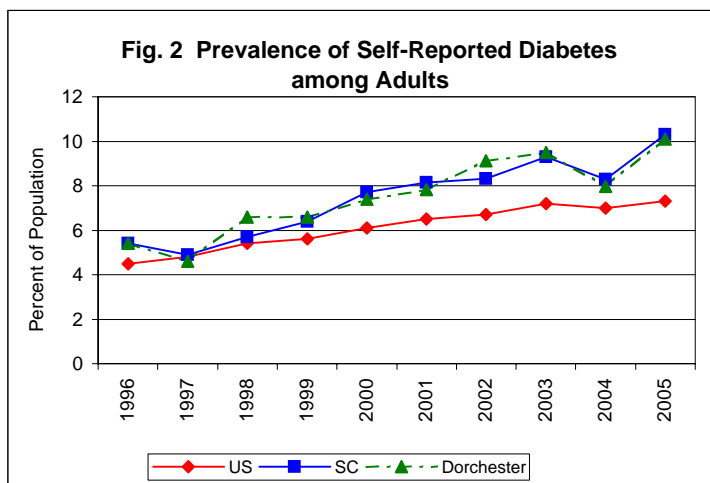
Behavioral Risk Factors

- Major behavioral risk factors, such as overweight, physical inactivity and unhealthy diet, are partially responsible for development of type 2 diabetes (Fig 1).



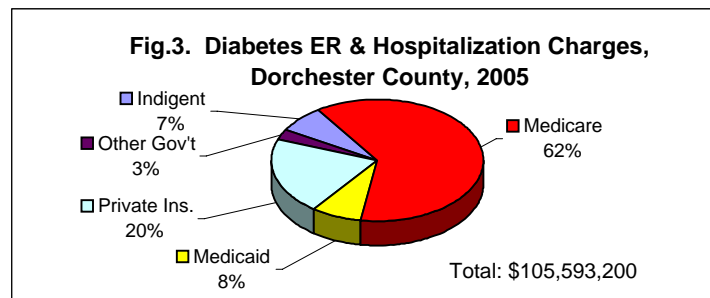
Diabetes Prevalence

- An estimated 8538 adults (10.1% of adults) in Dorchester County suffer annually from Diabetes (Fig 2).



Hospital and Emergency Room Discharges

- In 2005, there were 188 hospitalizations for Diabetes in Dorchester County for all ages.
- There were an additional 2074 hospital discharges with diabetes-related conditions in Dorchester County.
- In 2005, there were 146 emergency room (ER) visits for diabetes as the primary diagnosis, among which 76 (52%) were by African-American patients.
- There were 1727 ER visits for diabetes as a related condition.



- Medicare paid for 62% of the ER and Hospitalization charges for Dorchester County (Fig 3).

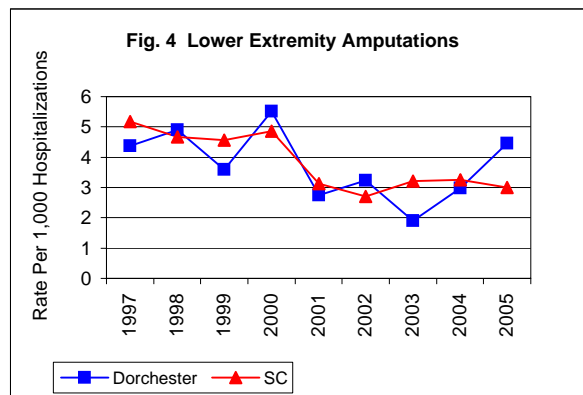
Complications

- Almost all patients (97%) hospitalized in SC for diabetes had complications in 2005; 31% of hospitalizations in Dorchester County (Table 1)
- In 2005, nearly three-quarters of people in SC with diabetes had hypertension, compared with only one-fourth of people without diabetes.

Table 1. Hospitalizations for Diabetes Complications in Dorchester County in 2005.

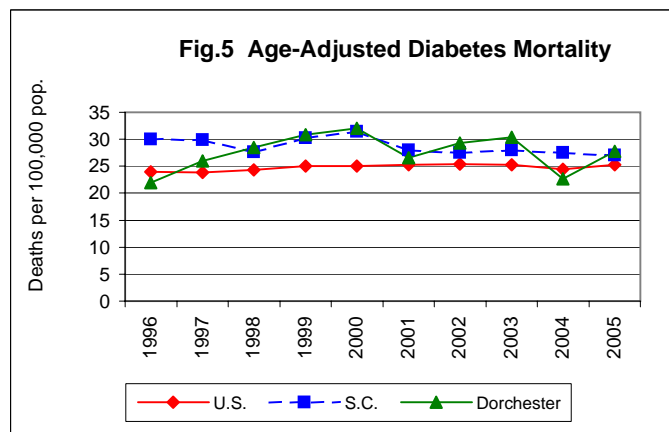
Diabetes Complication	Hospital Admissions	Percent of Diabetes Hospital Admissions	Total costs
Renal Failure	472	21%	\$19,106,900
Lower Extremity Amputation	58	3%	\$2,403,200
Keto-acidosis	48	2%	\$1,537,400
Retinopathy	121	5%	\$5,332,100

- In 2005, more than 60% of people with diabetes have high cholesterol.
- In 2005, the rates for lower extremity amputations among blacks in SC were four times the rates among whites.

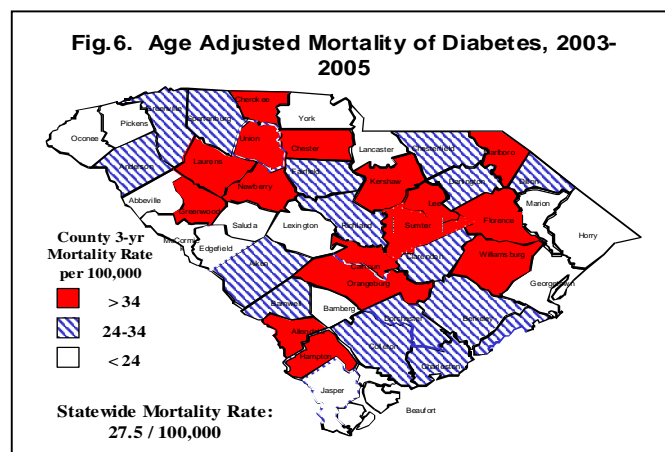


Mortality

- Diabetes is the sixth cause of death in Dorchester County.
- A total of 25 people in Dorchester County died from diabetes in 2005.



- The Dorchester County mortality rate was 27.8/100,000 in 2005, close to the state average.
- Dorchester County ranks #26 in diabetes mortality in South Carolina 2003-2005.



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